

I am extremely disturbed by Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air a blatantly political "documentary" about Senator Kerry days before the election.

This is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Running this anti-Kerry piece without balancing it with a Kerry-friendly or anti-Bush piece does not serve the public interest; forcing local stations to disrupt their programming for political propaganda does not serve local interest either.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.